

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. What were the central beliefs of the Transcendentalists in America during the 19th century?
17. "Society everywhere is in conspiracy against the manhood of every one of its members." Justify.
18. Evaluate *O Captain! My Captain* as a historical poem.
19. What does Tom mean by "middle class of America was matriculating in a school for blind.." and also elaborate on the concept of American dream in the play *The Glass Menagerie*?
20. Critically analyse the major themes in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.



APRIL/MAY 2024

23UEN22 — AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

What key factors contributed to the spread of Puritanism in America during the colonial period?

2. What is the other name for Romantic movement in America?
3. Who are the two major characters referred in the poem *Because I Could not Stop for Death*?
4. What does the titular bird in Poe's *Raven* symbolize? -
5. What was the primary message of Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech?
6. Why are non-conformists important according to Emerson?
7. What happens to glass unicorn in the play *The Glass Menagerie*?

8. Where does the play *The Glass Menagerie* take place?
9. What does the letter 'A' symbolize in *The Scarlet Letter*?
10. In the novel *The Scarlet Letter* how does Hester earn a living?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Discuss the influence of Indian thought on Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Walt Whitman.

Or

- (b) Describe the challenges faced by settlers on the "First Frontier" in America during the colonial period.
12. (a) "Untill he took the stiffness out of them
And not one but hung limp, not one was left
For him to conquer" – Annotate.

Or

- (b) What is the role of immortality in the poem *Because I Could not Stop for Death?*

13. (a) How does Emerson define 'genius' in his essay *Self-Reliance*?

Or

- (b) Explain the significance of the Martin Luther King Jr *I Have a Dream*. Discuss its historical context, central themes, and its impact on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

14. (a) How is *The Glass Menagerie* an example of memory play.

Or

- (b) What does the fire escape symbolize in the play *The Glass Menagerie*?

15. (a) What are some symbols in *The Scarlet Letter* and how do they relate to the plot and characters?

Or

- (b) Describe Chillingworth's 'revenge.' Why does he choose to torture Dimmesdale and Hester Prynne.